

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the amendments contained herein, Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,005,812 (Mullarkey).

Please cancel Claims 13-21 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

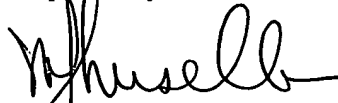
Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1 under §102(b), the Examiner states that Mullarkey anticipates all of the elements of the claim. Mullarkey discloses a device and method for supplying current to a semiconductor memory to support boosted voltage within the memory during testing. Only one voltage, Vccp, is ever generated by the device disclosed by Mullarkey. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to FIG. 1 of Mullarkey, as well as to the description of FIG. 1 of col. 2, lines 45-67.

Amended Claim 1 clearly sets forth, “at least one regulator system incorporated in the local DC voltage generator, a power control unit and a clock control unit, wherein each regulator system receives a power control signal from said power control unit and a clock control signal from said clock control unit and outputs a reference voltage, said at least one regulator system receiving said reference voltage and outputting a pump control signal, the pump control signal being enabled and disabled in response to at least the clock control signal; and a pump system

receiving the pump control signal and outputting at least one voltage level in accordance with the pump control signal.” That is, Claim 1 clearly recites that the “reference voltage” and the “one voltage” are two different voltages both generated within each local DC voltage generator. Since Mullarkey does not teach or disclose two different voltages both generated within each local DC voltage generator, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or a personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants’ attorney at the number given below.

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